

# RI Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

## What's it All About?

### Q: What is the SWMP?

A: This plan is an element of the State Guide Plan. It is intended to . . .

- Guide activities of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and the Department of Environmental Management related to solid waste (trash!).
- Set goals, objectives, and policies that cities and towns need to reflect in their comprehensive plans.
- Describe current solid waste practices, programs, and activities in Rhode Island and develop recommendations for the future.
- Meet the need for a plan as required by the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976.
- For more information on the State Guide Plan, visit: <http://www.planning.ri.gov/planning/>

### Q: Thanks for the technical answer, but seriously - what is the SWMP?

A: Very simply, this plan sets a course for how the state deals with trash.

- Where does the state's trash go now? Where COULD it go in the future?
- What can the state do to increase recycling and keep food waste out of the landfill?
- What will Rhode Island do when the Central Landfill is full??

### Q: Who is managing the planning process for the SWMP?

A: Two major groups are managing this process.

- Working Group: staff of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RRC), the Department of Administration, Division of Planning, Statewide Planning Program (SPP) and the Department of Environmental Management Office of Waste Management (DEM OW)
- Advisory Committee: sixteen representatives from the public, private, and non-profit sectors

### Q: How can I get involved?

- **Visit <http://www.planning.ri.gov>** And click on the Solid Waste Management Plan Update link. Here you will find information on the project, including the scope of work, updates on Advisory Committee and public meetings, and a variety of other resources and helpful links related to solid waste, including the state's existing Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.
- **Attend Public Forums and Topical Discussions.** On top of the public forums going on now, we will be hosting topical forums on particular issues that may include Waste-to-Energy, Producer Responsibility, Food Waste, the Future of the Landfill, etc. Keep an eye on the website for updates.
- **Request a Meeting with RIRRC, DEM and/or SPP.** Do you have a board meeting or other such gathering at which you would like us to speak? We are happy to schedule a time to sit down with you to discuss the history of solid waste in Rhode Island, current and future trends, implications for the state's solid waste management system, and the questions we intend to tackle through this planning process.

*See reverse for project time line →*

## SWMP General Timeline

### SEPTEMBER 2013

10 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting

### NOVEMBER 2013

Regional Public Forums

6 – Northern RI

7 – Southern RI

12 – Newport County

14 – Central RI

Special Johnston Forum TBD

### DECEMBER 2013

10 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting

### JANUARY-JUNE 2014

Topical Discussions

### MARCH 2014

4 - 4<sup>th</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting

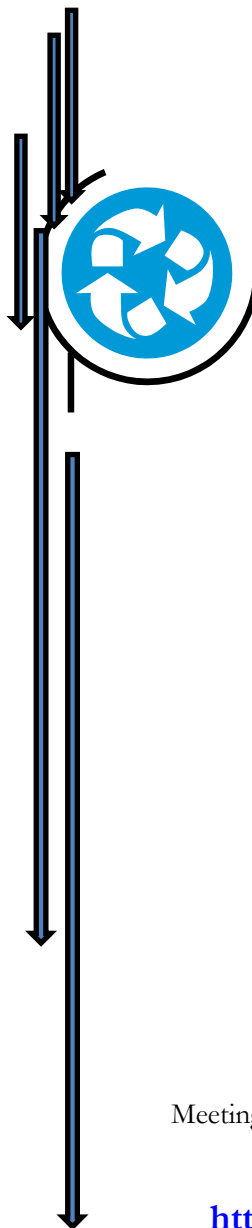
### JUNE 2014

10 - 5<sup>th</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting

### SEPTEMBER 2014

9 - 6<sup>th</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting

***Plan finalized – Begin formal approval process to the State Planning Council, including public hearings***



### OTHER MEETINGS

Throughout the planning process, we may host gatherings to discuss specific topics in more detail.

Topics could include things such as:

- Future of the Landfill
- Waste to Energy
- Food Waste
- Producer Responsibility

### ***Keep Track On Line!***

Meeting notices, agendas, minutes, etc. will be posted on line at:

<http://www.planning.ri.gov>

Click on Solid Waste Management Plan Update

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